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SUBJ: UNHCR REPORT OF EXPENDITURES IN THAILAND AND REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

REF: GENEVA 3778

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FURTHER REPORT FROM UNHCR ON
UTILIZATION OF FIFTH INSTALLMENT OF 20 MILLION BAHT
(APPROX US\$1 MILLION) MADE AVAILABLE THROUG UNHCR TO GOT
FOR ASSISTANCE TO INDOCHINESE D.P.S. SALIENT POINTS FOLLOW.

2. BASED ON REPORTS FROM THAI GOVERNMENT, 20 MILLION BAHT
EXPENDED WERE FOR FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

(A) FOR LAOTIANS:

SHELTER	5.6 MILLION
FOOD	10.9 MILLION
WATER SUPPLY	248 THOUSAND
CLOTHING	36 THOUSAND
AGFICULTURAL/DOMESTIC EQUIP.	138 THOUSAND
TRANSPORTATION	144 THOUSAND
TOTAL	17.1 MILLION

(B) FOR CAMBODIANS

SHELTER	309 THOUSAND
FOOD	2.6 MILLION

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WATER SUPPLY	5 THOUSAND
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AGRICULTURAL/DOMESTIC

EQUIP.	14 THOUSAND
TRANSPORTATION	34 THOUSAND
TOTAL	2.9 MILLION

3. TAKEN TOGETHER WITH PREVIOUS UNHCR REPORTS ON SUBJECT, TOTAL EXPENDITURES NOW AMOUNT TO 90 MILLION BAHT (APPRX US \$4.5 MILLION) PERIOD SEPTEMBER '75 TO MAY '75 INCLUSIVE. AVERAGE NUMBER RECEIVING ASSISTANCE UNDER PROGRAM HAS INCREASED FROM 29,000 LAOTIANS, 9,000 CAMBODIANS, AND 1,500 VIETNAMESE AT OUTSET TO MORE THAN 60,000 LAOTIANS, 10,000 CAMBODIANS AND 1,300 VIETNAMESE AS OF MAY.

4. SIXTH INSTALLMENT OF 20 MILLION BAHT TO OPERATION CENTER FOR DISPLACED PERSONS IN THAILAND HAS ALSO BEEN COMPLETED. THREE MILLION BAHT WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO GOT FOR PURCHASE OF 23 TRUCKS AND TWO MINI BUSES IN CONNECTION WITH PROGRAM. AS REQUESTED BY USG, \$100,000 HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ICRC AND A FURTHER \$400,000 WILL BE TRANSFERRED SHORTLY.

5. TOTAL UNHCR EXPENDITURES AND COMMITMENTS, EXCLUDING TRANSFERS TO ICRC, BUT INCLUDING COST OF D.P.S RESETTLED FROM THAILAND AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATE TOTAL US \$7 MILLION. BY COMPARISON, TOTAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS PLEDGED TO DATE AMOUNT TO US\$7.7 MILLION COMPARED TO TARGET OF US\$12.4 MILLION, LEAVING US\$4.7 MILLION SHORTFALL TO MEET REMAINING NEEDS IN 1976, AN AVERAGE SPENDING RATE OF ROUGHLY US\$1 MILLION PER FIVE-WEEK PERIOD. COMMITMENT CONTRACT FOR NEXT US\$1 MILLION DUE AT END OF CURRENT WEEK BUT ONLY US\$700,000 NOW AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE. UNHCR, ACCORDINGLY, EXPRESSES HOPE USG MIGHT BE ABLE ON URGENT BASIS MAKE FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL PLEDGE TO PERMIT UNHCR CONTINUE EFFORTS IN THAILAND.

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